

Club Referee Development Newsletter

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Forthcoming Events

[Click here to host a course](#)

ELRA Courses

Sundays

14th & 21st Feb

Croydon RFC

135 Addington Road,
West Wickham, Kent,
BR4 9BF

09:30 – 15:30

Spaces available



Sundays

7th & 28th Mar

Cobham RFC

Old Surbitonians
Memorial Ground,
Fairmile Lane,
Cobham, Surrey KT11
2BU

09:30 – 15:30

(there may be a limited number of spaces available on this course)



Sundays

9th & 16th May

Ldn Welsh RFC

Old Deer Park, Kew
Road, Richmond,
Surrey TW9 2AZ

09:30 – 15:30

Spaces available

ELRA £50.00 per person (+£10.00 for Mini/Midi)

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[Referee Education](#)

Surrey Referee Newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the Surrey Club Referee Development Newsletter.

Over the course of last season there were some changes to the RFU Rugby Union Referee Development Team in London, I am now responsible for Referee Development in the region.

It is hoped that this communication will allow us to get a large number of updates to you in one go rather than filling your inbox with too many emails. In addition, we will also be displaying information on the Surrey Rugby Website and of course, www.rfu.com/referee. It is hoped that this will benefit me in communicating with clubs, schools and other key partners.

Regards,
Ed Turnill

Referee Education & Courses

As part of the ongoing development programme there are the usual referee courses being run throughout the region this season. It is also possible to arrange the following referee courses at your clubs or school as well:

- Entry Level Referee Award (ELRA)
- Continuous Referee Development Award (CRDA)/ Referee Education Sessions

To arrange these courses at your club or school or for further information please contact Ed Turnill (edturnill@rfu.com) or your local Club Referee Developer (CRefD) below. In order to host an event clubs should have an active Club Referee Coordinator (CRefC) registered on RugbyFirst.

The dates of ELRA courses in the near future can be found down the left hand side of the e-newsletter and if you would like more information please click [here](#).

More courses are needed so if you would like to host one for your club referees please contact [me](#).



CRefC James Davies recently organised a very entertaining evening session on 'Managing the Breakdown' – 25 of their referees attended and picked up useful tips on how to manage a difficult area of the game.



At KCS OB they have run two sessions this season at the request of CRefC, Andrew Dennis - Understanding the Game and Refereeing Mini/Midi Rugby. Both sessions were well attended and 29 more club referees have benefitted from the extra training.

[To book your session call Ed on 07894 783373 or your CRefD.](#)

Education Evenings

Wed 10th Feb
Ealing RFC
W13 0DD

An Evening with
Wayne Barnes
7.30pm-9.30pm
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Thur 11th Feb
Teddington RFC
TW11 0EA

Managing the
Breakdown
7.30pm-9.30pm
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Wed 17th Feb
Rosslyn Park FC
SW15 5JH

Wayne Barnes
in Conversation
7.30pm-9.30pm
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Tue 23rd Feb
Dorking RFC
RH3 7LZ

Managing the
Breakdown
7.30pm-9.30pm
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Tue 4th Mar
Twickenham RFC
TW12 3PE

The Scrum
7.30pm-9.30pm

For ELRA or
Referee
Education
Evenings call
Ed Turnill
07894 783 373

Ref Ed Topics

1. Law and Principles
2. Understanding the game
3. Comm'n & Management
4. Scrum
5. Lineout
6. Maul
7. Tackle / Ruck
8. Advantage
9. Assistant Referee
10. Discipline
11. Feedback & the

Club Referee Coordinators

As part of the aim to support clubs and their own referees, a structure of Club Referee Coordinators is being put in place.

There are 38 Referee Societies in England, comprising in the region of 2700 referees. Society Referees are appointed to matches based on their ability and potential and are able to access a wide range of training and development opportunities through their Societies.

However, there are many thousands of referees who are not Society members, but who referee at their clubs, some week in week out, others less frequently. They might be parents whose children are playing mini or youth rugby, coaches of junior teams or club members who referee their clubs' 3rd or 4th XV's on a Saturday afternoon. It is these "club referees" that the Club Referee Coordinator (CRefC) will help support.

Key Components on the role:

- To act as a point of contact for the Rugby Football Union (RFU)
- To publicise and promote RFU awards, courses and Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- To establish and maintain accurate referee membership information on RugbyFirst
- To promote good practice and the core values of the game
- To influence the establishment of a club referee section

It is not expected that all CRefCs will be able to carry out all the duties or in fact that they are needed for all clubs, but if we can get all clubs to have someone that will pass on information on courses, law updates and be able to identify those in the club that are officiating, it will help all involved

Please can you all get your RugbyFirst pages amended so that all your referees are shown.

Club Referee Developers

Across the region in conjunction with the London Society we have increased development team that delivers refereeing support to clubs and schools. They are spread across the area so as to ensure that the provision of support is available to all. In Surrey there are presently 2 Club Referee Developers in place:

- **Bob Ockenden** bobockenden@rfu.com
- **Ian McGraw** ianmcgraw@rfu.com

All Club Referee Developers are RFU trained and have experience in working with referees involved with U7 to adults.

The programme they will be delivering will focus on:

- RFU Continuous Referee Development modules to club referees
- acting as a mentor for club referees
- observing club referees' performances and provide appropriate feedback when possible
- ID talented referees for progression to Referees' Societies

If I you have any queries at local level regarding the programme being delivered please contact any of the CRefDs or me.





Referee Society Updates

Information from the London Society will appear here.

If you have referees at your club who wish to join the London Society, please visit www.londonrugby.com or contact Bob Ockenden (bobockenden@rfu.com).

**Teamwork – Respect – Enjoyment –
Discipline – Sportsmanship**



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	<p>Latest Law & Guidance Updates For a full list of all Law Updates and Guides from the iRB please click here. Further information that is sent from the RFU will be included here and if you have any queries or think that you have not received any information please get in touch with me and I will try to help.</p>												
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